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REMARKS

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1. Five twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with single rudder assembly, including a silver, shiny plane, were parked in front of the hangars at the Staaken (N 53/2 65) airfield on 10 March 1950. There was no flying. A large concrete surface, apparently the cover of an underground fuel dump, guarded by sentries, was on the northern edge of the field. A scrap site was in the north-west corner of the field. The "Zeppelin Hydrogen Plant" was at the NE edge of the field. "Acetylene and Nitrogen" was written under the signboard at the entrance gate. Steel flasks were stored in the plant. Soviet truck [redacted] was among the German trucks.

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2. There was a little flying with twin-engine low-wing monoplanes and single-engine high-wing monoplanes on 16 March 1950 after the morning mist was dissolved. The runway was [redacted]. Six dark green and one silver twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, with red propeller hubs, were parked in front of the hangars about 2:30 p.m. when flying stopped. Two of the planes had two white rectangles, one above the other, on the rudder assembly and a third plane had a red-yellow lateral stripe on the rudder assembly. The entrance door was on the right side. Passenger car [redacted] drove to the airfield.

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3. Five twin-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the hangars at 9 a.m. on 19 March 1950. One plane had a lateral yellow-red-yellow stripe on the rudder assembly and two white rectangles, one above the other, and the [redacted] rudder. A second plane had the same lateral stripe on the rudder assembly and two planes [redacted] assemblies. Except for a twin-engine low-wing monoplane taking off and heading north, there was no flying.

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4. Five twin-engine transports, apparently of DC-3 type, six single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine and one single-engine plane, similar to the Fieseler Storch, were parked at the

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field on 27 March 1950. There was no flying. A Soviet Air Force officer was seen wearing the following new uniform: Khaki jacket, open collar, three buttons, insignia of rank on cuffs, Soviet star on buttons.

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Comment:

a. The Staaken airfield is still occupied by an air transport unit, presumably an escadrille, equipped with LI-2s, PO-2s and Yak-14s.

b. The fuel dump on the northern edge of the field was confirmed by previous reports.

c. The reported location of the hydrogen plant is correct.

1 Annex: Mudder Assembly of Aircraft at the Staaken Airfield.

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